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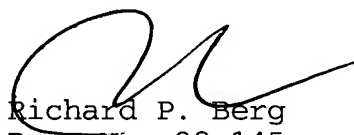
**REMARKS**

Original Claims 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been amended to produce new amended claims that are not multiply dependent in order to reduce official fees. Claims 14 and 17 have been canceled because those claims are omnibus claims. Once examination on the merits has begun, the Applicant may elect to amend currently amended Claims 10, 11, 12, and 13 to make these claims multiply dependent or to add additional claims to this application to provide coverage similar to, broader than, or narrower than the present claims.

The abstract has also been amended in accordance with standard U.S. practice.

Amendment of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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